

REMARKS

Claims 1-8, 10-26, and 28-49 are pending in the application, of which claims 2, 4-7, 11, 18, 22-25, 29, and 34-49 are withdrawn from consideration. By this amendment, claim 1 is amended to reflect the subject matter of claim 14 as originally presented (i.e., original claim 14 in independent format), and claim 14 is cancelled accordingly. Applicants request reconsideration and allowance in view of the above amendments and the following remarks.

Claims 1, 3, 8, 10, 12, 16, 19, and 20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as anticipated by Scarrow, U.S. 5,061,264. Claims 21, 26, 28, 30, 32, and 33 are also rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as anticipated by Scarrow, U.S. 5,061,264. Applicants request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection.

A fluid transfer assembly as now recited in claim 1 allows a fluid container to be sealed after a liquid has been transferred from a vial to the fluid container, contrary to the fluid transfer assembly described by Scarrow. In Scarrow's drug delivery system, when the breakable seal 14 that seals the end of the conduit 12 prior to fluid transfer has been snapped off, there is no way of re-sealing the fluid container 10 after fluid has been transferred from the vial 48 to the fluid container 10.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants submit that all claims are in condition for allowance, and timely Notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

The undersigned representative requests any extension of time that may be deemed necessary to further the prosecution of this application.

The undersigned representative authorizes the Commissioner to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 or 1.17 that may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 14-1437, referencing Attorney Docket No.: 6730.018.NPUS00.

In order to facilitate the resolution of any issues or questions presented by this paper, the Examiner may directly contact the undersigned by phone to further the discussion.

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